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have here in the Legislature for the at-will employees. I am of the opinion that it is important that we continue this as part of the...of the compensation package that we provide both to attract and retain employees in the future. Stable employment statistics are going to become more and more important in the future as the impacts of term limits come into play. We're not going to have as much flexibility, necessarily we can't have as what we currently enjoy in the at-will employment that we...we subject our employees to. It is unfortunate I think that the Retirement Committee perhaps did not spend the amount of time on this issue that the area did in fact deserve to have spent on it. I cannot change that. All I could do at this late date in the session was to give to you, the employers of these at-will employees, the opportunity to think, to consider, I thought hopefully to debate this particular issue. And with that, Mr. President, I would withdraw my motion.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Motion is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a second motion. Senator Kristensen would move to return the bill for purposes of striking the enacting clause.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Kristensen, you're recognized to open.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I...not without any hesitation, because I really don't have any hesitation to move to return this bill for the sole purpose of making a comment about what I've just heard. Senator Bruning, as Chair of the committee, you came to me in March, on LB 801 you indicated to me at that time that there was a small problem with the bill and you needed roughly two weeks. At that point in time the option was to go and spend a couple of thousand dollars to have the actuary review it briefly, or we could take a look at it and do it informally inhouse. I said I didn't care, thought that the money would be well spent if you would do that; that was March, today is May. And it's my understanding that that bill or that version that Senator Coordsen introduced was the last version presented before your committee, that you voted yes for. Now being chair means that